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The following edited extracts from COPE documents (Kleinert, S., and Wager, E., 2011; Wager, E., and Kleinert, S., 2011) crystallize key considerations for editors and authors:

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